



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL NARRATIVE
Submitted by: Treasurer Reyes

Training/Event: MAST Impact Week
Location: Washington, DC
Date of Event: April 26 – 29, 2016

Thank you fellow Council members and the Citizens of LTBB for allowing me the opportunity to attend MAST Impact week. The following is a brief travel report/summary:

Tuesday– April 26, 2016

Departed from Pellston Airport.

Reception and early registration – sponsored by Sault Ste Marie Tribe

Wednesday – April 27, 2016

Call to order – Aaron Payment, MAST Vice President
Opening Prayer
Opening Remarks – Aaron Payment, MAST Vice President
Roll Call – Melanie Benjamin, MAST Secretary (19 Tribes present, + quorum)
Executive Board Comments – Eugene Magnuson, MAST Treasurer

Tribal Leaders Roundtable Discussion – Resolution presentation TTAC: GOTV
Chairman Rambler, San Carlos Apache – Sacred Sites Oak Flat
Congressman Dan Kildee – MI-05
Aurene Martin – Spirit Rock, Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act
Brian Pierson, Attorney – Godfrey & Kahn Legal Update
Suzan Harjo 2014 Presidential Medal of Freedom Winner – Native American Culture
(Billy Frank received posthumous award)

Keynote Address & Luncheon – Ernie Stevens Jr, NIGA Chairman

Raina Thiele, Intergovernmental Affairs – The White House
Liz Fowler, Deputy Director for Management Operations – HIS
WM Bill Sulinkas, Regional Tribal Liaison – FEMA
Kara Schurman, Director of Midwest Area Health Board
Ben Butler – Affordable Care Act & Costs to the Tribes

Resolution Presentations & Approvals

Election for MAST President – Frank Cloutier, SCIT ran against Aaron Payment and won.

Tribal Leaders Meet & Greet Reception at the NIGA Building with Senator Al Franken

Thursday – April 28, 2016

Tribal Leaders Discussion and Direction – Resolution presentation and approval
Stacy A. Bohlen – Executive Director, National Indian Health Board
Congresswoman Betty McCollum MN 4th (good friend to Indian Country)
Congresswoman Gwen Moore WI 4th
Kimberly Dutcher – Executive Director Association on American Indian Affairs

Hill Visit Resolutions/Packet preparations/Packet material

Keynote Address & Luncheon – Acting assistant Director Lawrence Roberts, BIA

Capitol Hill Group Visits, meet with members of Congress

Friday – April 29, 2016

Tribal Leaders Round Table and Direction

Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr 6th District of New Jersey (Congressional Native American Caucus)

Congressman Markwayne Mullin, Oklahoma

Congressman Todd Rokita, IN 4th / Staffer Mark Cruz (Oregon Tribe)

Final discussion and directions.

Closing prayer